IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Justin Jamal Lewis,)
Plaintiff,)) Civil Action No. 8:24-cv-7660-BHH
v. Bryan P. Stirling, Culick, Robert)) <u>ORDER</u>)
Shirriell, Jerry Eastling, Fields, Smith, Mackey, McElveen, Jackson,)))
Defendants.)))

This matter is before the Court upon Plaintiff Justin Jamal Lewis's ("Plaintiff") pro se complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B), D.S.C., the matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge for preliminary review.

On February 3, 2025, the Magistrate Judge issued a report and recommendation ("Report"), outlining the issues and recommending that the Court dismiss Defendant Bryan P. Stirling ("Stirling") from this action. (ECF No. 18.) Attached to the Magistrate Judge's Report was a notice advising Plaintiff of the right to file written objections to the Report within fourteen days of being served with a copy. To date, no objections have been filed.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to the Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The Court is charged with making a *de novo* determination only of those portions of the Report to which specific objections are made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, or recommit the matter to the

Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of specific

objections, the Court reviews the matter only for clear error. See Diamond v. Colonial Life

& Accident Ins. Co., 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that "in the absence of a

timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must

'only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the

recommendation.") (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee's note).

Here, because no objections to the Report have been filed, the Court has reviewed

the record, the applicable law, and the findings and recommendations of the Magistrate

Judge for clear error. After review, the Court finds no clear error and agrees with the

Magistrate Judge's analysis. Accordingly, the Court adopts and incorporates the

Magistrate Judge's Report (ECF No. 18), and the Court dismisses Defendant Stirling

from this action. The action remains pending at this time as to the remaining Defendants.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

<u>/s/Bruce H. Hendricks</u>
United States District Judge

February 27, 2025 Charleston, South Carolina